

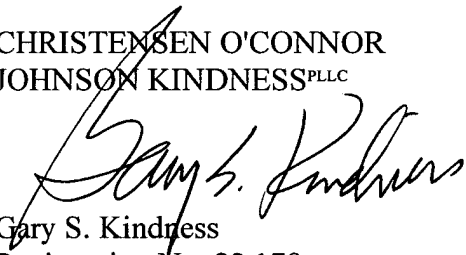
REMARKS

This amendment cancels all of the claims rejected in the February 11, 2004, Office Action and replaces the dependent claims indicated to be allowable in independent form. In this regard, it is pointed out that Claim 18, which was indicated as rejected in the PTOL-326 form attached to the February 11, 2004, Office Action has been retained since Claim 16, the claim from which Claim 18 depends, was indicated to be allowable. Presumably, Claim 18 should also have been indicated as allowable. Further, since the subject matter of Claim 20 was previously incorporated in Claim 19, the duplication recited in Claim 20 was not included in independent Claims 24, 26, and 27.

In view of the foregoing remarks and the enclosed amendment, applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Consequently, early and favorable action allowing all of the claims remaining in this application and passing the application to issue is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

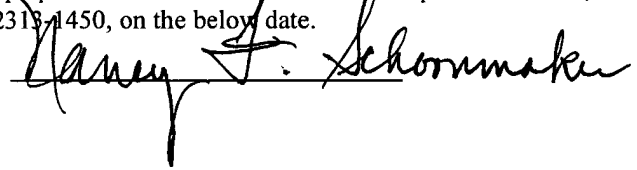
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